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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	February 11, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael Michelli, Professional Member, President
Carol Guilbert, Public Member, Secretary
Illene Courtright, Professional Member
Dr. Cynthia Parker, Professional Member
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
Regina Bilton, Professional Member
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member
George Christensen, Public Member
Maisha Britt, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II
Kay Warren, Deputy Director

ALSO PRESENT

Charlie Michels, Professional Standards Board
Kathleen Capitan, Central; Delaware SLP

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Michelli called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 12, 2008 meeting. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Strategic Plan

There was nothing added or changed at this time.

Discussion Regarding Post-Renewal Continuing Education Audit Requirements

The Board reviewed a draft of proposed changes to the regulations regarding continuing education requirements that was prepared by Ms. Kelly. The Board requested that changes be made to the number of CE hours required per licensure period. The Board would like to increase the amount of CE hours required. Ms. Kelly will make the suggested changes and present a new draft for review at the February meeting.

Sunset Review Update - Review JSC Draft Report

Ms. Warren reviewed the JSC Draft Report with the Board to verify the accuracy and to make sure that it appropriately reflects the purpose and functions of the Board. The Audiologist members of the board did not feel that the definition/description of audiologists in the report was accurate. The Board requested that the definition/description be changed to match the definition in the Board's statute. The Board also questioned whether there was a need to have the effective date of the statute changes as four years after the date of enactment. They no longer feel that it is necessary to hold of the effective date because they believe that all applicants for licensure should now have an Au.D. degree instead of a master's degree. There were also some minor grammatical errors that were corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

The Board reviewed Kathleen Capitan's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Alicia Parson's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Karen Thomas' application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Permanent Audiologist Applications

The Board reviewed Daniel Schwartz's application for a permanent audiologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Dr. Parker, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Kerry Herrmann's application for a permanent audiologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Dr. Parker, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Permanent Hearing Aid Dispenser Applications

The Board reviewed Andrea Nolan's application for a permanent hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Dr. Parker, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Courtright, to approve the following continuing education as noted below:

Licensee: Kim Schulenburg
Sponsor: Christiana Care
Activity: Role of Speech Pathologists in the Treatment of Head/Neck Cancer
Contact Hours: 1 CS

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Activity: Augmentative Communication – Meeting PT Needs
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Licensee: Deborah Ottenthal
Sponsor: Professional Development Programs
Activity: Sensory Integration & Beyond: Power Tools for Treating Children
Contact Hours: 13 CS

Sponsor: Health Education Network, LLC, dba HEALTH ED
Activity: Working with Older Adults & Caregivers
Contact Hours: 6 CS

Sponsor: Amedisys, Inc.
Activity: Dysphagia at Home with Electrical Stimulation
Contact Hours: 11 CS

Sponsor: Interton
Activity: Zio Technology and Training
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Sponsor: Interton
Activity: Avio 3 Training
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Sponsor: Interton
Activity: Appraise Software Training
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Sponsor: Health Education Network, LLC, dba HEALTH ED
Activity: Effective Transition to Work, College, and Beyond
Contact Hours: 6 CS

Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion Regarding SLP Private Practice – Illene Courtright

Ms. Courtright initiated a discussion regarding an SLP providing private practice services without having a business license, and whether it was an ethical issue that could be addressed by the Board via a complaint. Ms. Kelly advised that the Board does not require a business license in their statute and therefore could not take disciplinary action on a licensee for not having a business license. However, a complaint could be filed for other ethical issues that were caused by not having a business license. An example would be is the licensee refused to share patient records with another practitioner because they do not want to get caught practicing without a business license. Also, the licensee could be turned in to the Division of Revenue for not having a business license. They may launch an investigation on their side if they feel it is necessary.

Close Complaints

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin agreed with the Investigative Unit to close Complaint #30-06-08.

Election of Officers

Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to nominate Ms. Courtright as board President. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to nominate Dr. Connolly-Gaskin as board Secretary. Motion unanimously carried.

Other Business before the Board

Dr. Parker advised the Board that Maryland has added telemed information to their regulations for audiologists. The new regulations went into effect in October 2008. The regulations state that only licensed hearing aid dispensers are allowed to sell hearing aids to Maryland residents via the internet.

Correspondence

Memorandum from James Collins Regarding Operational Changes

The Board reviewed the memorandum from James Collins regarding operation changes being made by the division.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

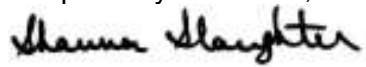
Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shauna Slaughter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shauna Slaughter
Administrative Specialist II